

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0030] on page 8 as follows:

**[0030]** In Fig. 1, the laser beam deflected by the polygon mirror 4 at the highest point among the four laser beams passes through the highest first and second lenses 5a and 6a. The laser beam is reflected by the first mirror 7a upwards and then reflected by the second mirror 8a downwards. As a result, the optical path between the polygon mirror 4 and the first mirror 7a intersects the optical path between the second mirror 8a and the photoconductive drum 21. The reflected laser beam passes through the third lens 9a and is converged onto the photoconductive drum 21. In the same manner, the second, third and fourth laser beams from the top pass the first and second lenses 5b, 5c, 5d and ~~6a, 6b, 6c~~ 6b, 6c, 6d and they are reflected by the first mirrors 7b, 7c, 7d upwards and then reflected by the second mirrors 8b, 8c, 8d downwards, respectively. The reflected second, third and fourth laser beams pass through the third lenses 9b, 9c and 9d and are converged onto the photoconductive drums 22, 23 and 24, respectively.